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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The population of the State of Illinois that is 85
3 years of age or older is projected to rise from 260,000 in 2012
4 to 392,000 in 2032; and

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WHEREAS, Nationally, 70% of people with Alzheimer's
6 disease or a related disorder live at home and need assistance
7 with activities of daily living; and

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WHEREAS, Almost 3/4 of older people living in Illinois who
9 received personal assistance relied exclusively on unpaid
10 caregivers for help; and

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WHEREAS, Almost all older adults who need assistance with
12 activities of daily living want to remain in their homes and
13 communities; and

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WHEREAS, Providing services and supports to older adults in
15 their homes and communities is generally much less expensive
16 than nursing home care; and

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WHEREAS, Older adults who receive cost-effective services
18 in their homes are much less likely to need public assistance;
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1 WHEREAS, An estimated 2,430,000 adults in the State provide
2 care to adult relatives or friends, which equates to an
3 estimated 1.59 billion hours a year and an estimated value of
4 \$18.8 billion each year; and

5 WHEREAS, To successfully address the surging population of
6 older adults who have significant needs for long-term services
7 and supports, the State must develop methods to both encourage
8 and support families to support their aging relatives and
9 develop ways to recruit and retain a qualified, responsive
10 in-home care workforce; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we support the dedicated work of family caregivers throughout
14 the State and will continue to seek additional ways to support
15 these individuals through information, education, training,
16 and relief care; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we recognize caregiving for older adults as
18 a vital and needed profession today and in the future; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department on Aging to create a
21 special workgroup that focuses on recruiting, retaining, and
22 supporting family and paid caregivers and strongly encourage

1 the Department to create additional innovative and creative
2 means to support family caregivers to continue to provide
3 needed in-home support for older adults; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the members of this body pledge to review
5 State policies and support current State programs that address
6 the needs of older adults and their caregivers; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge the Department on Aging to continue
9 providing additional information and education on supporting
10 older adults in their homes through both family caregivers and
11 paid professional caregivers; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 delivered to the Department on Aging.